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Library Rolls Out New Mobile Library Services Vehicle

The Mountain View Public Library’s new mobile library services vehicle hit the road in July. The state-of-the-art hybrid vehicle is equipped with computers, wireless Internet access and a touch-screen checkout station. Budget reductions required previous mobile Library services to be discontinued three years ago.

The new mobile library services vehicle carries approximately 2,500 items, including the latest and most popular books, DVDs, CDs, and a variety of picture books and children’s materials. Customers can also obtain Library cards, search the Library catalog and Internet, and request materials be brought to them on the next vehicle visit. Story times are offered at day-care center stops.

The new vehicle operates on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, visiting seven day-care centers, four senior complexes and six corporate campuses every two weeks.

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Survey Shows Residents Satisfied with City Services

This spring, the City of Mountain View surveyed residents to assess satisfaction levels about a variety of City services and programs. The City used a professional survey research firm to conduct more than 400 telephone interviews of randomly-selected Mountain View residents in order to create a statistically sound sample. Residents more comfortable speaking Spanish were offered the opportunity to have the survey conducted in Spanish.

The survey showed that 95 percent of respondents are satisfied with City services and 97 percent are satisfied with the quality of life in Mountain View. According to the research firm that conducted the survey, these results are some of the highest satisfaction ratings it has seen for a city in its 15 years of conducting survey research. These resident satisfaction ratings are even higher than the very favorable marks residents gave to the City the last time a survey was conducted in 1995 when 87 percent of respondents reported that they were satisfied with the City’s performance.

When asked about satisfaction with a variety of City programs and services, library services and fire protection/paramedic services received the highest rating.

The Resident Survey Report is available for download from the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov. Hard copies of the report are available for review at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, or call the Library at (650) 903-6335. For questions about the survey, contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301. ●

New Senior Center Due to Open in October

The City of Mountain View will celebrate the opening of its new 25,000 square foot Senior Center in late October with two events. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 27 and an Open House event will be held on Saturday, October 28. The times for both events had not been determined prior to *The View* going to print.

The new single-story, lodge-style building features a social hall that can provide banquet-style seating for up to 200 people, a full kitchen, game room, exercise room, computer room, and multipurpose rooms for classes and other activities. The social hall will be available for private rental during times when the Senior Center is not in operation.

During the months of August, September and October, Senior Center programs will be relocated to the Mountain View Community Center at 201 South Rengstorff Avenue to allow for the demolition of the building that has served as the interim Senior Center for the past two years. The building must be removed so that work on the driveway and parking areas can be completed. The Rose Kleiner

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Google to Provide Free Wireless Internet Service

This fall, no-cost wireless Internet (WiFi) services will be available in most areas of the City as a benefit of a five-year agreement the City has entered into with Google, Inc., the Internet search engine company headquartered in Mountain View.

The City has authorized Google to place wireless transmitters on City-owned streetlight poles throughout the City to create one of the first city-wide no-cost WiFi networks in the country.

Google has completed installing its transmitters for the network and is in the process of testing the system. More than 500 people attended the two community training sessions conducted by Google at their Mountain View headquarters to acquaint people with the new network.

Initially, the Google WiFi network will cover approximately the 80 to 90 percent of the City it can serve through transmitters attached to City streetlight poles. Google will extend its service area to more areas in the City once it obtains permission from PG&E to place transmitter units on utility/streetlight poles owned by the utility in other areas of the city.

In order for WiFi users to get a stronger signal inside their homes or offices, they will need to purchase consumer premise equipment (CPE) that is available

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New Improved City Playgrounds

The City celebrated the opening of two improved park playground areas this summer at Jackson and Klein Parks.

Improvements at Jackson Park include a new play structure geared to children 5 to 8 years of age. A new area for children younger than three was also added. A grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board helped defray some of the costs of installing a rubberized surface for the playground made from recycled tires.

At Klein Park, a new play structure designed for children from 2 to 12 years old was added, as well an area that includes tot swings.

During the last four years, playground improvements have also been made at Sylvan, Monta Loma, Cooper, Varsity, San Veron, Bubb and Rex Manor playgrounds. The improvements are part of an ongoing program to improve the City’s park play areas and bring them into compliance with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, the American Society for Testing and Measurement standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act provisions.

For more information regarding the City’s playground improvement efforts, contact the Community Services Department’s Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. ●

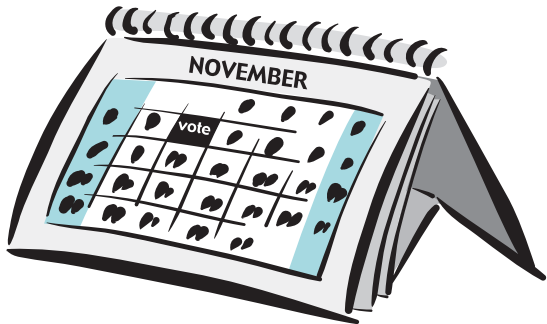
Election Day is November 7

On Election Day this November 7, Mountain View voters will be asked to fill three City Council seats and also decide on a proposed City Charter amendment that would set the base salary of the City Council at \$1,500 per month, with automatic annual adjustments. If approved, the Council salary change would become effective on January 1, 2009.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you have questions about where to vote, contact the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at (408) 299-8302.

October 23 is the last day to register to vote on November 7. Voter registration cards are available in the Mountain View City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, and from the County Registrar of Voters at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, in San Jose. You must re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name or changed your political affiliation since the last election.

For more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at (650) 903-6304. ●



Mobile Library Services, continued from page 1

The Library plans to expand mobile library service as additional funding becomes available.

Funding for the purchase of the new vehicle was provided by Google. Funding for the operation of the vehicle will be provided by the Mountain View Public Library, the Mountain View Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Mountain View Public Library.

For more information, contact the Library Services Department at (650) 903-6337. ●

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Senior Day Health Center located on property adjacent to the new Senior Center will continue operating while the driveway and parking areas are completed.

For more information about the opening of the new Senior Center, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. ●

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from local retailers or on the Internet for \$50 to \$100.

In addition to providing no-cost WiFi service in the City, the agreement with Google calls for Google to pay the City an annual fee for use of the City’s streetlight poles and equip the City’s new mobile library services vehicle with mobile wireless equipment (see story on page 1).

For more information about the Google WiFi network, visit the Google Help Center at www.wifi.google.com/support. ●

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you’d like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager’s Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager’s Office, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAME

DATE

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EMAIL ADDRESS

I WOULD LIKE A REPLY: ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ by email ☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

The View

The View newsletter is published three times a year (March, September and December) by the City of Mountain View.

The View is delivered by bulk mail to every residential address and many businesses in Mountain View.

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www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov

City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

A limited supply of extra copies of **The View** is available at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, and the Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue.

The View is printed on 30 percent recycled paper.

New Shoreline Amphitheatre Lease and Agreement

A three-year dispute between the City of Mountain View and Shoreline Amphitheatre Partners (SAP) regarding parking, rent payments and other operating issues at Shoreline Amphitheatre was settled in May when the City and SAP’s parent, Live Nation, Inc., entered into a new lease agreement for the Amphitheatre.

Under the terms of the new lease agreement, the City received a one-time cash payment of \$10 million and a substantial increase to annual lease payments. Annual lease payments will now be \$1.8 million, subject to escalators based on the number of concert events held each year. During the past 10 years, lease payments to the City had averaged approximately \$730,000 each year.

Additionally, the City and Live Nation agreed to a new streamlined operating lease for the Amphitheatre, which will decrease the likelihood of future lease disputes by making lease compliance monitoring easier and less expensive for both parties.

The new lease and operating structure for the Amphitheatre:

- Provides the City with a substantially higher and more predictable revenue stream from the venue through a fixed annual lease payment rate.
- Allows the City to regain control of the property on which the Amphitheatre is located as much as 10 years earlier than it could have under the provisions of the previous lease agreement.
- Requires the Amphitheatre to implement several new safety and security improvements at the venue.
- Provides for improvements to the Resident Priority Ticket Program that allows Mountain View residents to purchase tickets for many events at Shoreline Amphitheatre in advance of sales to the general public.

For more information regarding the new Shoreline Amphitheatre lease, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301. ●



The City has nearly completed designing the next 1.7-mile segment of the Stevens Creek Trail. Reach 4, Segment 2 of the Trail will extend the Trail from its current trailhead at Yuba Drive to the south side of El Camino Real via the construction of an underpass under the roadway, providing residents south of El Camino Real with easy access to the Trail. Construction of the Trail extension is targeted to begin later this year.

Additionally in June, the City was awarded an \$874,000 California Rivers Parkway Grant from the State Resources Agency that will provide most of the funding needed to extend the Trail from the south side of El Camino Real to the Sleeper Avenue area.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

Graham Reservoir/ Sports Complex Project Update

Construction of the new Graham Reservoir/ Sports Complex project is scheduled for completion this winter. A dedication event will be held in December. Information about the dedication event will be included in the next issue of *The View*, scheduled for delivery on or before December 1.

The project includes the construction of an all-weather regulation track and field, a soccer/ football field, a soccer field, a baseball/softball field, basketball and volleyball courts, a rest room and equipment storage facilities. These facilities are being constructed above a new 8-million gallon underground reservoir that the City has built at the school site.

Construction of the reservoir and playing fields has been a joint project between the City of Mountain View and the Mountain View-Whisman School District. In exchange for the City building and maintaining playing fields, the school district provided the location for the reservoir and will make the playing fields available for community use during non-school hours.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

Cuesta Park Annex Master Planning Process

Two community workshops were held this summer to allow the public an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop alternative use concepts for the Cuesta Park Annex site as part of a master planning process for the Annex.

More than 70 residents and Annex users attended the first workshop held in July. Working in small groups, workshop participants brainstormed several potential use concepts/ ideas for the site. Each group then developed a name for and graphic representation of its vision for the Annex site and shared its proposed design with the other workshop participants.

At the second workshop held in August, participants reviewed, further refined and prioritized use concepts for the Annex site. An attendance count for the second workshop was not available prior to *The View* going to print.

The next step in the master planning process will be a review by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the prioritized/preferred use concepts that have emerged from the two community workshops and other public input opportunities that have been included as part of the master planning process. The Parks and Recreation Commission will review the use concepts for the Annex site at its September 13 meeting.

The Commission will then forward its recommendation(s) regarding the preferred concept or concept alternatives for the Annex site to the City Council.

For more information regarding the Cuesta Park Annex master planning process, visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov or call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301. ●

New Library Newsletter Available via E-mail

Sign up to receive the Library’s new e-mail newsletter, BookLetters. The newsletter is packed full of information, including the latest titles, online book discussions, professional reviews, and book suggestions from Mountain View Librarians.

To sign up, visit the Library’s website at <http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us> or call the Library’s Reference Desk at (650) 903-6337.

Connecting with your community

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Senior Services

Blood Pressure Nurses—Registered Nurses or Certified Nurse Assistants are needed to provide free blood pressure checks to seniors on the first or third Friday of each month. Contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or e-mail lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

Assisting Seniors in the Arts Program (ASAP)—Help provide transportation for Mountain View seniors so they can attend theater events at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. Tickets will be given to the volunteer driver and senior participant in an effort to give seniors the opportunity to attend quality performances. A short training is required for this volunteer position. For more information, call Heather O'Meara at (650) 903-6330 or e-mail at heather.omeara@mountainview.gov.

Deer Hollow Farm

School Year Teaching Docents—Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from September through May. Training is September 19 to 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-going training is also available throughout the school year. Call Deer Hollow Farm for more information at (650) 903-6430 or e-mail dhfarms@mountainview.gov.

Library

Children's Services—Assist with sorting and shelving books, videos, CDs, cassettes and books on tape in numerical and alphabetical order. Minimum age is 13 years. Contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Circulation Services—Volunteers are needed to help shelve videos and DVDs in the Adult Media section of the Library. Hours are very flexible. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Center for Performing Arts

Ushers—Volunteers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, September 11 and Monday, September 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Office Assistants—Help is needed in the Center's office 10 hours a week. Skills required are word processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible, but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

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Calendar of Events

September

- 4 Labor Day holiday.** City offices closed.
- 6 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 7 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 8 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 9 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 12 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 13 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting—Cuesta Park Annex Master Planning Process, 7:00 p.m., SecondStage, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
- 16 Police Activities League Celebration,** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Castro Elementary School, 505 Escuela Avenue
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 18 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 Performing Arts Advisory Committee,** 7:00 p.m., location to be announced
- 20 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 Recreation Plan Community Workshop,** 6:00 p.m., Community Center Auditorium, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue (see story below)
- 23 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Santa Clara. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 26 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 27 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 29 Deadline for City Board, Commission and Committee Service Applications.** (See story on page 6)
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 30 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.



October

- 4 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 5 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 7 Home Composting Workshop,** 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Police/Fire Administration Building Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 8 Rengstorff House History Day,** 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Rengstorff House, 3070 North Shoreline Boulevard
- 10 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 13 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 14 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 Performing Arts Advisory Committee,** 7:00 pm, location to be announced
- 18 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 21 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC

Help Plan Mountain View's Future Recreation Programs

The City is conducting a series of community workshops and focus group meetings to seek public input regarding future City recreation programs as part of an effort to develop a Recreation Plan for the City.

When completed sometime next year, the Recreation Plan will determine the future focus of the City's Recreation Division by setting program and service priorities and identifying which recreation programs should be offered using City staff and resources, in partnership with other service providers or solely by other service providers so that City recreation programs and facilities meet the current and long-term needs of Mountain View residents.

The first community workshop was held in June. A second workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 21 in the Mountain View Community Center Auditorium, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue.

In addition to holding workshops to gather public input regarding the recreation needs of the community, Recreation Division staff conducted an inventory of recreation facilities throughout the City and has been surveying residents to gather more input and ideas. Focus group meetings will also be held in October.

For more information on the dates and times of the upcoming meetings relating to the Recreation Plan development process, call Regina Maurantonio or James Teixeira in the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. ●



- 27 **Senior Center Dedication**, time to be announced, 266 Escuela Avenue (See story on page 1)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28 **Senior Center Open House**, time to be announced, 266 Escuela Avenue (See story on page 1)
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 29 **Halloween Bash**, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue



Reading Day Festival Set for November 18

The Mountain View Public Library will celebrate Reading Day on Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Reading Day activities will include community leaders, Firefighters, Police Officers, Graham Middle School students, Readeroo, the Library’s mascot, and volunteers reading stories aloud to children in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Hindi.

In addition, Librarians will present special story times for children 2 years of age or younger, and there will be reading-related crafts for children to make and take home. All reading and entertainment activities will be free of charge.

For more information about Reading Day, contact Karin Bricker at the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 526-7042. ●

November

- 1 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 2 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 3 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 4 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 7 **Election Day**. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at (408) 299-8302 for more information. (See story on page 2)
- 8 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 13 **Veterans’ Day holiday**. City offices closed.
- 14 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 15 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 16 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 18 **Reading Day**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street
- 20 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 **Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location to be announced
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day holiday**. City offices closed.
- 24 **Thanksgiving Day holiday**. City offices closed.
- 28 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 29 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

- CC **Council Chambers**, City Hall
- PCR **Plaza Conference Room**, City Hall
- ACR **Atrium Conference Room**, City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk’s Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

Police Activities League Begins on September 16

The City will celebrate the launch of its new Mountain View Police Activities League (MVPAL) program on Saturday, September 16. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Castro Elementary School, 505 Escuela Avenue.

Through Police Activities League programs, Police Officers, Recreation Division staff, and parent and community volunteers will be able to work together with young people in the community on various educational, cultural and recreational activities as an alternative to gangs and criminal activities.

For more information about MVPAL or the September 16 event, contact Joanne Pasternack in the Mountain View Police Department at (650) 903-6360 or joanne.pasternack@mountainview.gov. ●



VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

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Police Department

Outreach Assistant—Provide assistance to the Department’s outreach unit by contacting and educating false alarm violators, assisting Neighborhood and Business Watch groups and serving as an outreach and resource liaison. Volunteers must be 18 or older and successfully complete a background investigation. Training provided. Contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Home Security Inspector volunteers are trained in home security and provide inspections at residences in Mountain View. **Mobile Radar Trailer Deployment** volunteers are needed to set up and pick up the Police Department’s radar trailers around the community. Training for both positions will be provided. Working side by side with Police Officers investigating crimes and other incidents, **VIP Interpreters** interpret both written and verbal communication. All languages are needed. Contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Fire Department

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program—Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting CERT Team trainings for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials. Call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607 for more information.

Amateur Radio—Use your amateur radio operating skills to assist the Fire Department during disasters. Members of the amateur radio operators group must supply their own radios. For more information, call Lynn Brown, Office of Emergency Services, at (650) 903-6825.

Shoreline at Mountain View

A variety of opportunities are available for volunteers 18 and older. **Rengstorff House Docent** volunteers greet visitors and conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House. The Rengstorff House is open Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Staffing is in three-hour shifts and training is provided. **Garden Docents** help plant and maintain the gardens around the Rengstorff House or create flower arrangements for the parlors. Work hours are flexible. All docents are supplied with an information manual, training and supervision. **Volunteer Gatehouse Ranger** volunteers greet visitors, monitor park activities, and educate the public about Shoreline policies. Opportunities are available seven days a week with staffing in three-hour shifts. **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline Park and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information and keeping the trails free of litter. Trails are open seven days a week. Volunteer hours are flexible. For more information, contact Hilary Holeman at (650) 903-6073 or hilary.holeman@mountainview.gov.

Upcoming Opportunities

Senior Services

Computer Lab—Volunteers are needed to oversee the new Technology Center at the Mountain View Senior Center. A two-hour, once-a-week commitment is required. Contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or e-mail lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

Special Event

Halloween Bash—Volunteers are needed to assist with carnival arts and crafts, entertainment, food booths, and more on Sunday, October 29, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Rengstorff Park. Contact the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607 to sign up.

Tree Lighting Celebration—Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, Santa pictures, decorations and to work as crowd monitors at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting at the Civic Center Plaza on Monday, December 4th. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, or to sign up, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea, or special skill or talent to offer, or want to join our TEAM, please call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607.

Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutors Needed

The Mountain View Public Library is assisting the Vision Literacy Program in recruiting volunteers to teach adults how to read. Volunteers must be willing to commit to at least two hours a week for a minimum of six months to work with an adult who is eager to learn how to read. Each prospective volunteer tutor must attend a one-hour orientation and 12 hours of training, offered over a two-week period.

For more information about Vision Literacy and upcoming volunteer orientation and training dates, visit its website at www.visionliteracy.org or call (408) 262-1349. ●

Celebrate History Day at the Rengstorff House

Mountain View’s historic Rengstorff House will celebrate its fifth annual History Day on Sunday, October 8, from 12:00 noon to until 3:00 pm.

Take part in a variety of Victorian-era activities, such as butter churning, old-fashioned games, crafts, and more. Visitors will also be invited to dress in Victorian costume, which will be provided, and have their photo taken. There will also be a display and talk about the birds of Shoreline Park.

More information about the event is available by calling Hilary Holeman at the Rengstorff House at (650) 903-6073. ●

Photo at right of the Castro Family. Thanks to the Mountain View History Center photography collection.



CITY BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

September 29, 2006 is the application deadline for Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on the following City board, commissions or committees:

LIBRARY BOARD (2 positions)
Meets on the third Monday evening of the month

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION (2 positions)
Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (4 positions)
Meets on the first Thursday evening of the month

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (1 position)
Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2 positions)
Meets on the last Wednesday evening of the month

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE (3 positions)
Meets on the first Tuesday morning bimonthly

PERFORMING ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (4 positions)
Meeting dates to be announced

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The board, commissions and committees are volunteer positions and volunteers serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk’s Office at (650) 903-6304 for further information and applications.

Applications can be downloaded at www.mountainview.gov/citygov/pdf/community_services_application.pdf

Rent the Historic Adobe Building for Your Next Event



The historic Adobe Building, located on the corner of Central Expressway and Moffett Boulevard, is available to rent for a variety of events including company parties, weddings, and corporate meetings. The building was constructed in 1934 and renovated by the City in 2001 to provide modern facilities, while preserving the historic character of the building.

The restored Adobe Building offers a great room that can accommodate 100 for indoor dining and a beautiful adjacent garden area that compliments the setting. The interior of the great room has been restored to its original design with high open-trusses, hand-hewn lumber and wrought iron detail. A built-in sound system, wood burning fireplace and full catering kitchen are also available.

To make an appointment to tour the Adobe Building, or to make a reservation, call (650) 903-6407. ●

Free/Low-Cost Insurance Available For Children

Some Mountain View residents may qualify for free or low-cost medical, dental and/or vision care insurance for their children as part of the Children’s Health Initiative (CHI) program. CHI offers three health plans for uninsured children – Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and the Healthy Kids program.

The new Healthy Kids program insures children 18 years of age or younger whose families earn too much to be eligible for the Medi-Cal or Healthy Families programs and up to 300 percent of the Federal poverty level.

Information about eligibility requirements and application assistance is available by calling toll-free (888) 244-5222. Information is also available on the Santa Clara Family Health Plan’s website at <http://www.scfhp.com>. ●

KIDS’ FUN DAY

Fun activities for you and your kids and a chance to find out more about how to apply for free or low-cost health insurance for your children.

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Saturday, October 14, 2006

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Civic Center Plaza
500 Castro Street

Medical Facility Opens Early Next Year

A new medical facility for the Camino Medical Group currently under construction on the former Emporium site at 701 El Camino Real East is expected to open to the public in early 2007.

The 250,000 sq. ft. project includes office and examination rooms, an urgent care center, laboratory and radiology services, an outpatient surgery center, a pharmacy, a laboratory and services for diagnostic radiology.

The project also includes a two-level parking area, the protection of several heritage trees on the site, bike lanes, and a landing area for a future Stevens Creek Trail overpass. The architectural design includes renewable resource materials, use of natural daylight and other sustainable design techniques.

For more information about the project, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●

Fiscal Year 2006-07 Adopted Budget

In June, the City Council adopted a \$227.3 million budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07. The improved financial condition of the City’s General Operating Fund, the primary funding source for City services, allows for some modest increases in a few key City service areas, while also providing the resources necessary to undertake some important City Council goals/initiatives.

FY 2006-07 General Operating Fund revenues are expected to be 9.1 percent higher than adopted revenues for FY 2005-06. Although the City’s revenues are on the rebound, the City must continue to carefully manage expenditure growth to maintain balanced budgets into the future.

The City’s FY 2006-07 General Operating Fund totals \$78.5 million and includes the net addition of 3.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. An additional 3 FTEs have been added to other City funds for a total staffing increase of 6.75 FTEs City-wide.

The adopted budget also includes \$16 million in funding for several capital improvements and maintenance projects, including:

- **Construction of the Permanente Creek Pedestrian/Bike Overcrossing at Highway 101**
- **Design of the Stevens Creek Trail from El Camino Real to Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way**
- **Miscellaneous Water Main/Service Line Replacements**
- **Miscellaneous Storm/Sanitary Sewer Main Replacements**
- **The resurfacing of some City streets**

For more information, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov. ●

Mayfield Site Redevelopment Update

In June, the City Council approved changes to the General Plan and Precise Plan that could allow up to 530 housing units and 6,500 sq. ft. of neighborhood commercial uses to be developed on the former Hewlett Packard/Mayfield Mall site. The Council also certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with various measures to mitigate the impacts of development.

Many of changes, along with the EIR, were developed through consultation with the Mountain View community, particularly the Monta Loma neighborhood, at public meetings that included City officials, staff and residents.

The Mayfield site includes approximately 26 acres located at the intersection of Central Expressway and San Antonio Avenue. It is currently occupied by the vacant Hewlett-Packard office center. Approximately five acres of the site are located in the City of Palo Alto.

The Precise Plan for the portion of the site in Mountain View requires single-family houses around the edges of the site and allows multi-story buildings elsewhere. The Precise Plan limits building heights near the existing neighborhood to 28’ (about two stories) and allows for a gradual increase up to a maximum of 70’ (about five stories) near Central Expressway and the San Antonio off-ramp. A mix of about 48 single-family and multi-family homes has also been proposed on the portion of the site in Palo Alto.

The Precise Plan also includes two public parks at the site. Toll Brothers, Inc., the housing developer, will be required to dedicate land under the City’s park dedication ordinance, and the City will provide another 0.4 acres of land for public parks within the site through a land exchange.

The next step in the development of the site is for Toll Brothers to submit applications to the Cities of Mountain View and Palo Alto for specific development projects. As the development process moves forward, various mitigation measures will become conditions of project approval and there will be further opportunities for public comment on the design of the project.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●



New Downtown Parking Structure Update

Construction continues on the City’s new parking structure at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets. The four-story, five-level structure will include approximately 400 parking spaces. A Longs Drugs will be located in the structure’s first floor retail space. The project also includes solar panels on a roof-top carport structure that will provide shade for parked cars as well as electricity to run the lights and elevators in the structure.

Construction of the parking structure is scheduled for completion in late 2006 or early 2007. For more information, call Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

Fiscal Year 2006-07 Utility Rates

On July 1, new rates for City utility services (water, sewer and refuse/recycling) went into effect. The rate increases are needed to pay for higher fees charged to the City by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant and Foothill Disposal Company. Even with these increases, the average monthly bill for utility services for a single-family home in Mountain View compares favorably to the average monthly utility bill of our neighboring communities.

WATER

Water rates for Mountain View customers will increase by 11 percent this year because of higher rates charged by both of the City’s main water suppliers, the SFPUC and Santa Clara Valley Water District. The SFPUC will likely to continue to increase its water rates in future years to pay for seismic and other costly improvements it needs to make to the Hetch-Hetchy water system.

SEWER

In July 2005, the City began phasing in higher sewer rates over a three-year period to bring revenues and expenditures more in line and to provide adequate funding for both the City’s annual operating and maintenance costs of the sewer system.

Residential sewer rates in Mountain View will increase by 7 percent, or \$1.30 per month, this fiscal year. Compared to neighboring cities, Mountain View’s new monthly rate of \$19.95 for single-family homes is still the lowest.

REFUSE/RECYCLING

The City’s rates for solid waste services (both refuse collection and recycling) are increasing by 2 percent. The rate for a 32-gallon can will increase by \$0.30 per month to \$15.30.

The revenue generated from solid waste service charges pays for services, including the collection of garbage, recyclables and yard trimmings; processing the collected materials; the disposal of refuse at Kirby Canyon Landfill; and the maintenance of two closed landfills.

The City of Mountain View will continue to provide cost-effective utility services to its customers. For more information, contact the City’s Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6317. ●

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City Manager's Office	903-6301
Community Outreach Program	903-6145
Community Development Department	903-6306
Building Division	903-6313
Current/Advance Planning	903-6306
Economic Development	903-6306
Neighborhood Preservation	903-6379
Community Services Department	903-6331
Forestry and Roadway Landscape	903-6273
Parks and Open Space	903-6326
Center for the Performing Arts	903-6565
Recreation	903-6331
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Employee Services Department	903-6309
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